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DDP - File Review

Ricardo Morales Navarrete - Two Volumes

Volume I.

① 201/285923

Personality File Action Request

DOB: June 14, 1939

dated 26 July 1962

To: RID/201 Section

From: TFW/CI

[Calvin E. King]

Former Cuban Secret Service Official

Source Document: IN 13576 dtd 15 Sept 60

② Cable to Director

From: [Rio de Janeiro]

Date: 9/16/60?

Rio press says 6 Cubans, including Ricardo Amibal Morales y Navarrete, granted asylum Brazilian Embassy, Havana.

③ Cable to JMWAVE

From: Bell

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Dtd: 11 Jan 1961

Diaz Tamayo reported 24 Dec. to [Pawley] that Morales has recently joined [AMIRON] and is a Castro G-2 agent. Suggest every effort be made to determine whether this is a penetration attempt.

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④ Name check request form
from Navy Dept, circa 12 Sept 1961

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⑤ Morales given Polygraph & results forwarded
to Chief, Special Affairs Staff from Chief of
Station, IMWAVE, in February 1964. Was
being recruited by CIA for PM (para military &)
activities. Has had no contact with Cuban
security or intelligence since Sept 1960 & has
given FBI complete account of his activities
since that time. His wife & in-laws know
he will be working for CIA.

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⑥ PRQ, Part 1 dated 5 January 1964 11111280

⑦ Dispatch dtd 6 Feb. 1964 indicates Morales
joined Commandos L on July 25, 1963. (cont'd)

⑧ Request for Green List Name Check #148535
dated 27 Feb 1964 for operational clearance
to be used as radio operator & leader for
PM infiltration team. Case officer: Calvin
Hicks. Branch Chief: Desmond Fitzgerald.

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→ Wave traces listed from 21 March 1961 — Oct. 1963
(17 citations) request these — see paper clipped
document in file

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⑨ PRO - Part II

27 April 1964

Spotted & recommended for recruitment by
[AMOT/132] leader of [AMHOUSE] organization.
Interviewed & recruited by [Kenneth R. & Sakovich]
in Jan 1964 to be a member of [AMDESK] PM
team. To receive [\$200] per month.
Case Officers known to Morales:

[Clarence E. Smeryage - Glen
Kenneth R. Sakovich - Pat
Charles J. Masengill - Hawk
Alton T. Pernack - Larry.]

Cryptonym was [AMDESK; 1] 11111281

⑩ Dispatch to Deputy Chief/WH/SA
From: Chief of Station
Dated: 1 Sept 1964

Morales terminated by [Alexander D. Ratwick]
because of a security violation - made
several attempts to find out about a
JMWAVE/PM operation, going as far as contacting
wives of agents committed on operations.
Not recommended for re-use

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Showed surprising leadership capability.
He is definitely recommended for special
ops in a leadership capacity.

①⑥ 10 June 1965

Memo for Chief, CI/OA.

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Attn: ~~George Ball~~

Request that Morales' existing Operational
approval be amended to include use by
SOD [in the Congo] under Project [WITHRUSH].
POA reinstated until Nov. 18, 1965, although
Hdqt's cable to JMWAUE said they preferred he
be discontinued as they wanted to avoid make
general practice to avoid recruiting pilots who
had any former intelligence connection or whose
history reflects derogatory information even if
not substantiated after polygraph exam.

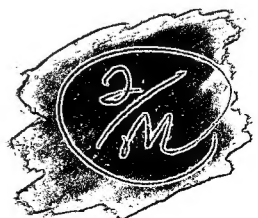
①⑦ Approval cancelled as of 5 Jan. 1966.

①⑧ Cable to Director 13 Feb. 1968 states local
FBI had identified Morales' fingerprints
at one of Cuban Power bombing locations.
FBI informed JMWAUE before passing info
to local police.

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①⑨ Cable dtd 14 Feb. 1968 to Director from JMWAUE
advises Miami police arrested Morales this date.

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(26) Cable dtd 15 Oct 76

To: ~~Caracas~~ # 929165

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References arrest of Luis Posada Carriles, Orlando Bosch Avila, Oleg Gueton Rodriguez, Celsa Toledo & Francisco Nunez in regard to bombing of Cubana Airlines plane. Indicates [one of those arrested is WK SEARLET/3] Further indicates that much of the Caracas end of investigation of bombing & reporting is controlled by [redacted] group - (note: [redacted] is) Orlando Garcia Vazquez, a Venezuelan official of a special investigating unit, for whom Morales serves as Deputy)

(27) Cable dtd 19 Oct 1976

To: Priority Director IN 074149

Item 5: [Station] files contain no traces to Oleg Gueton Rodriguez or Celsa Toledo. Has one trace to Francisco Nunez.

Item 1: We share headquarters concern re: [arrest of WK SEARLET/3] and possibility of suspicion/additional charges. CIA connected with bombing

[WK SEARLET/3] has wife & one child, born in U.S.)

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28 Cable dtd 7

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To: Immediate

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Item 4: ~~Luis Posada~~ began employment with CIA in April 1965 and initially served as an instructor in maritime training branch of JMWAVE. On 1 August 66, was transferred to CI branch where he was to report on activities of Cuban Representation in Exile [RECE] until his resignation in early June 1967. Terminated effective 11 July 1967. Went to Caracas to seek employment & subsequently picked up ~~by Caracas station~~ in circa October 1967.]

Item 5: Ruesido Morales Navarette was recruited in January 1964 - terminated on 26 August 1964 & never used on a CIA sponsored mission. Received training toward [the Congo] but never served. (Note: this does not correlate with Office of Security information - see especially item 15 - fitness report this file).

29 Cable dtd 20 Dec 1976 # 960493

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To: FBI

Admits there conflicting information in Morales'

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file about the nature and ~~term~~ term of
his CIA employment. Still says he was
terminated in Dec 1964. (O/S ^{note:} files give Jan 1966).

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① Dispatch dated 24 January 1977 # HVCM 10659

To: Chief of Station ~~Caracas~~

From: Chief, Latin American Division

According to testimony of Antonio Gonzalez
at trial of Rolando Otero in Jacksonville, Fla.
in Aug. 1976, Morales is a Castro agent. His
declarations corroborated by Ciro Orizondo
and Manuel Revuelta, former Comrades of
Otero.

② Cable dtd 4 Feb 1977 # IN 177816

To: Priority Director Info Priority LA/main

Source, whose reliability has not been
established, say Morales planning to get
Boech out of prison by force.

Another source (same status as above) says
Morales has recently rented an expensive apartment
in Caracas, the rent of which is almost
equal to his DISIP (Venz. intelligence) salary.

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③ Cable dtd 29 April 1977 IN 266922

To: Director ~~SA/Miami~~

[WKDIET/5] reported Morales rumored to have killed Roberto Parsons in Miami. Roberto Parsons Ramirez was [CIA "agent"] from 1965-1967.

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④ Cable dtd 2 May 1977 IN 268419

To: Director

Eugene Propper, AUSA, investigating the Litcher murder, has summoned Morales to appear as a witness. Morales concerned that once within jurisdiction of U.S. Courts, he could be charged with unspecified violations & had therefore gone into hiding.

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